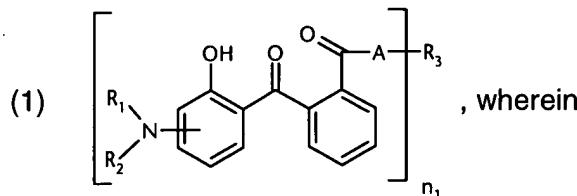


IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend the claims to read as follows.

1. (currently amended) Compound of formula



R₁ and R₂ independently from each other are; C₁-C₂₀alkyl; C₂-C₂₀alkenyl; C₃-C₁₀cycloalkyl; or C₃-C₁₀cycloalkenyl; or R₁ and R₂ together with the linking nitrogen atom form a 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic ring;

n₁ is a number from 1 to 4;

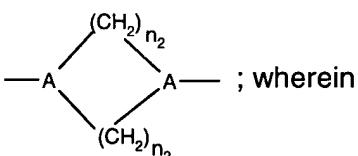
when n₁ = 1,

R₃ is a saturated or unsaturated heterocyclic radical; ~~hydroxy-C₁-C₆alkyl; cyclohexyl optionally substituted with one or more C₁-C₆alkyl; or phenyl optionally substituted with a heterocyclic radical, aminocarbonyl or C₁-C₆alkylcarboxy;~~

when n₁ is 2,

R₃ is an alkylen-, cycloalkylene, alkenylene or phenylene radical which is optionally substituted by a carbonyl- or carboxy group; or a radical of formula $\cdot-\text{CH}_2-\text{C}\equiv\text{C}-\text{CH}_2-\cdot$; or R₃ together with A forms

a bivalent radical of the formula (1a)



n₂ is a number from 1 to 3;

when n₁ is 3,

R₃ is an alkantriyl radical;

when n₁ is 4,

R₃ is an alkantetrayl radical;

A is -O-; or -N(R₅)-; and

R₅ is hydrogen; C₁-C₅alkyl; or hydroxy-C₁-C₅alkyl.

2. (previously presented) Compound according to claim 1, wherein

R₁ and R₂ independently from each other are hydrogen; C₁-C₂₀alkyl; C₂-C₂₀alkenyl; C₃-C₁₀cycloalkyl; or C₃-C₁₀cycloalkenyl; or R₁ and R₂ together with the linking nitrogen atom form a 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic ring;

n₁ is a number from 1 to 4;

when n₁ is 1,

R₃ is a saturated or unsaturated heterocyclic radical; hydroxy-C₁-C₅alkyl; or cyclohexyl substituted with one or more C₁-C₅alkyl;

when n₁ is 2,

R₃ is an alkylen-, cycloalkylen- or alkenylene radical which is optionally interrupted by a carbonyl- or carboxy group;

when n₁ is 3,

R₃ is an alkantriyl radical;

when n₁ is 4,

R₃ is an alkantetrayl radical;

A is -O-; or -N(R₅)-; and

R₅ is hydrogen; C₁-C₅alkyl; or hydroxy-C₁-C₅alkyl.

3. (previously presented) Compound according to claim 1, wherein

R₁ and R₂ are C₁-C₂₀alkyl.

4. (previously presented) Compound according to claim 1, wherein

R₁ and R₂ independently from each other are C₁-C₅alkyl.

5. (currently amended) Compound according to claim 1, wherein

R₁ and R₂ in formula (1) have the same definition.

6. (cancelled)

7. (previously presented) Compound according to claim 1, wherein
if n_1 is 1,
 R_3 is a saturated heterocyclic radical.

8. (original) Compound according to claim 7, wherein
 R_3 is a monocyclic radical of 5, 6 or 7 ring members with one or more hetero atoms.

9. (currently amended) Compound according to claim 8, wherein
 R_3 is morpholinyl; piperazinyl; piperidyl; pyrazolidinyl; imadazolidinyl; or pyrrolidinyl.

10. (currently amended) Compound according to claim 16, wherein
 R_3 is an unsaturated heterocyclic radical.

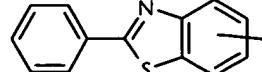
11. (original) Compound according to claim 10, wherein
 R_3 a polycyclic radical.

12. (previously presented) Compound according to claim 1 , wherein

R_3 is a radical of formula (1a)  , and

R_5 is polycyclic heteroaromatic radical with one or 2 heteroatoms.

13. (original) Compound according to claim 12, wherein

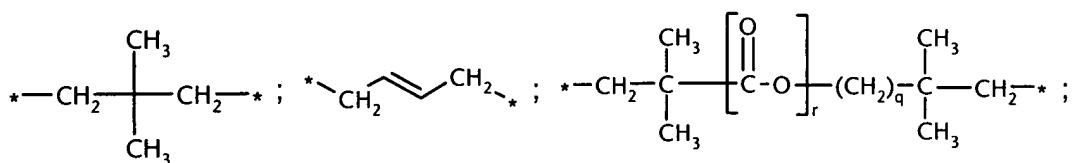
R_3 is a radical of formula (1b)  , wherein

R_6 is hydrogen; or C₁-C₅alkyl.

14. (previously presented) Compound according to claim 1, wherein,
 if n_1 is 2,
 R_3 is a C_1 - C_{12} alkylene radical.

15. (original) Compound according to claim 14, wherein

R_3 is a radical of formula $*-\text{CH}_2-(\text{CH}_2)_m-\text{CH}_2-*$; $*-\text{CH}_2-\text{C}_6\text{H}_{11}-\text{CH}_2-*$;



r is 0 or 1; and

q = is a number from 0 to 5.

16. (previously presented) Compound according to claim 1, wherein,
 when n_1 is 3;

R_3 is a radical of formula (1a) $*-\text{CH}_2-\overset{*}{\underset{|}{\text{CH}}}-(\text{CH}_2)_p-\text{CH}_2-*$ or (1b) $*-\text{CH}_2-\overset{*}{\underset{|}{\text{CH}}}-\overset{*}{\underset{|}{\text{CH}}}$ and

p is a number from 0 to 3; and

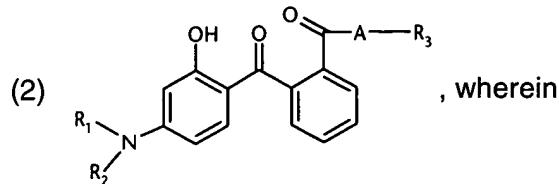
R_1 , R_2 and A are defined as in formula (1).

17. (previously presented) Compound according to claim 1, wherein, when
 n_1 is 4,

R_3 is a radical of formula $*-\overset{*}{\underset{|}{\text{C}}}-\overset{*}{\underset{|}{\text{C}}}-*$; or $*-\text{CH}_2-\overset{*}{\underset{|}{\text{C}}}-\text{CH}_2-\overset{*}{\underset{|}{\text{C}}}-\text{CH}_2-*$; and

R_1 , R_2 and A are defined as in formula (1).

18. (original) Compound according to claim 1, which corresponds to formula

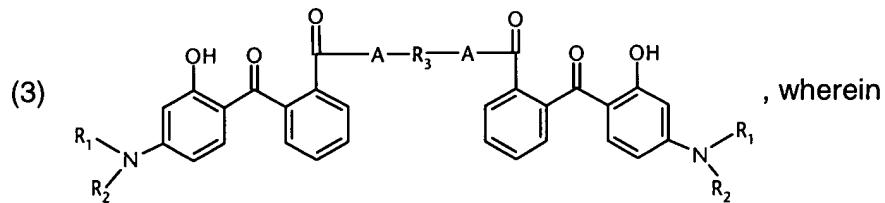


R₁ and R₂ independently from each other are hydrogen; or C₁-C₅alkyl;

A is -NH; or -O-; and

R₃ is a saturated or unsaturated heterocyclic radical.

19. (original) Compound according to claim 1, which corresponds to formula

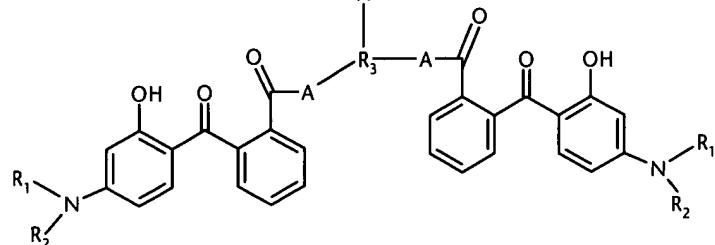
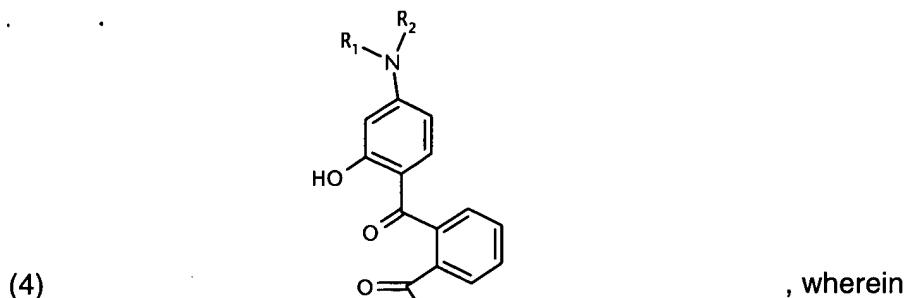


R₁ and R₂ independently from each other are hydrogen; or C₁-C₅alkyl;

A is -NH; or -O-; and

R₃ is a C₁-C₁₂alkylene radical.

20. (original) Compound according to claim 1, which corresponds to formula



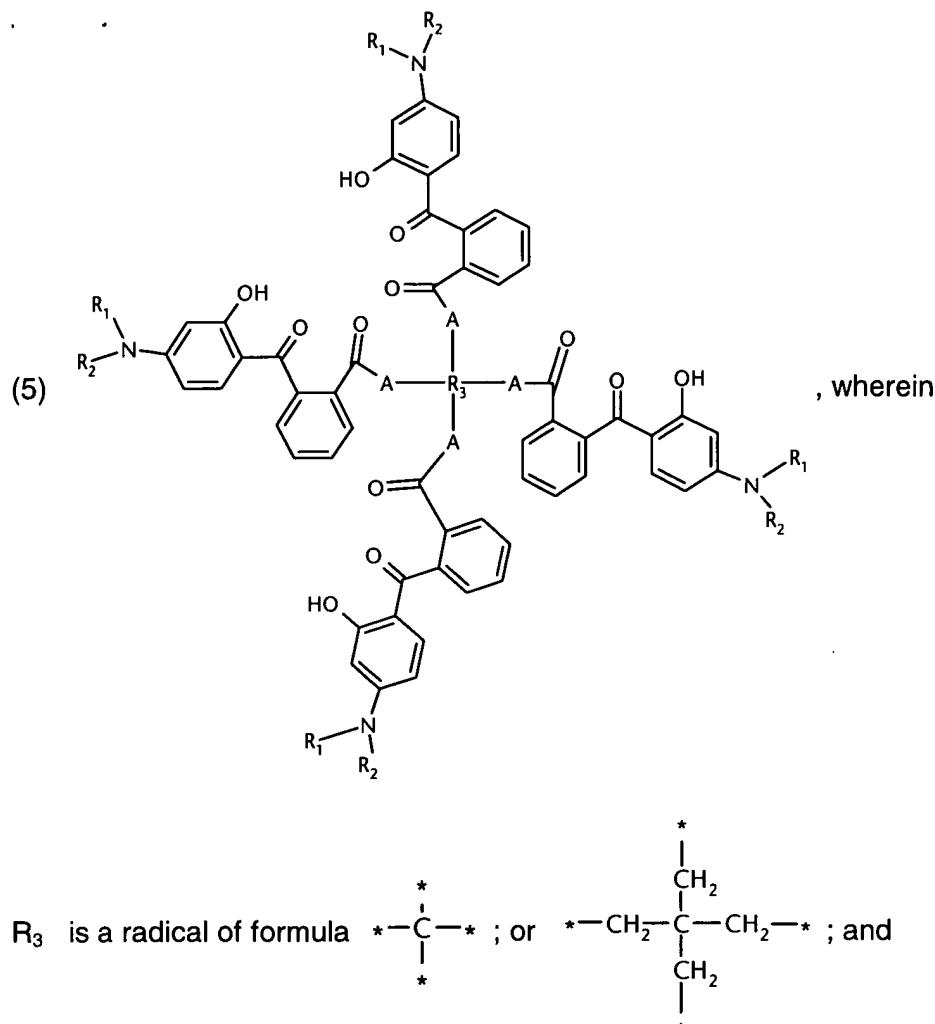
R₁ and R₂ independently from each other are hydrogen; or C₁-C₅alkyl;

A is -NH; or -O-; and

R₃ is $*-\text{CH}_2-\overset{*}{\text{CH}}-(\text{CH}_2)_p-\text{CH}_2-*$ or $*-\text{CH}_2-\overset{*}{\underset{*}{\text{CH}}}-$; and

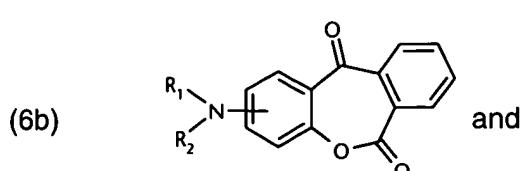
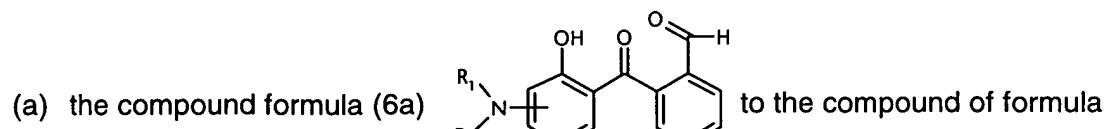
p is a number from 0 to 3.

21. (original) Compound according to claim 1, which corresponds to formula

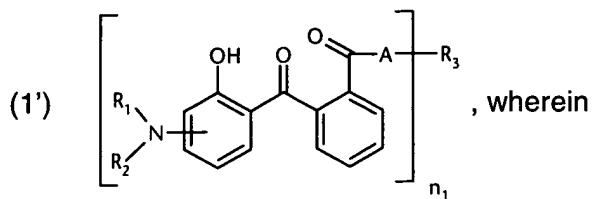


R_1 , R_2 and A are defined as in formula (1).

22. (currently amended) A process for the preparation of the compounds of formula (1), which comprises, dehydrating/dehydatisating



(b) reacting the anhydride with the compound of formula (6c₁) H-N(R₅)-R₃ or (6c₂) H-O-R₃ to the compound of formula



R₁ and R₂ independently from each other are hydrogen; C₁-C₂₀alkyl; C₂-C₂₀alkenyl; C₃-C₁₀cycloalkyl; or C₃-C₁₀cycloalkenyl; or R₁ and R₂ together with the linking nitrogen atom form a 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic ring;

n₁ is 1 to 4;

if n₁ is 1,

R₃ is hydrogen; C₁-C₂₀alkyl; hydroxy-C₁-C₅alkyl; C₂-C₂₀alkenyl; C₃-C₁₀-Cyclohexyl not substituted or substituted with one or more C₁-C₅alkyl; (Y-O)_pZ; C₆-C₁₀aryl; or a saturated or unsaturated heterocyclic radical;

Y is C₁-C₁₂alkylen;

Z is C₁-C₅alkyl;

p is a number from 1 to 20;

if n₁ is 2,

R₃ is a alkylen-, cycloalkylen- or alkenylene radical which is optionally interrupted by carbonyl- or carboxy group;

if n₁ is 3,

R₃ is an alkantriyl radical;

if n₁ is 4,

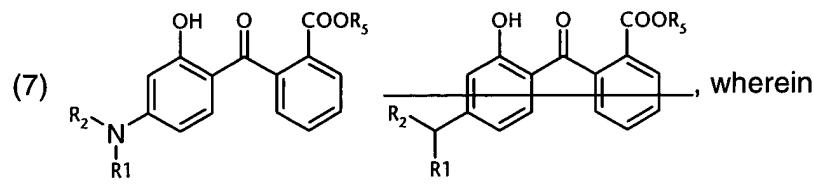
R₃ is a alkantetrayl radical;

A is -O-; or -N(R₅)-;

R₅ is hydrogen; C₁-C₅alkyl; or hydroxy-C₁-C₅alkyl; and

R₅ is hydrogen; C₁-C₅alkyl; or hydroxy-C₁-C₅alkyl.

23. (currently amended) Process according to claim 22, wherein the process refers to compounds of formula



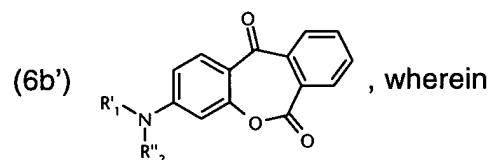
R₁ and R₂ independently from each other are C₁-C₁₂alkyl; and
R₅ is hydrogen; C₁-C₁₂alkylalkyl; or C₃-C₆-cycloalkyl.

24. (canceled)

25. (canceled)

26. (original) A cosmetic preparation comprising at least one or more compounds of formula (1) according to claim 1 with cosmetically acceptable carriers or adjuvants.

27. (previously presented) Compounds of formula

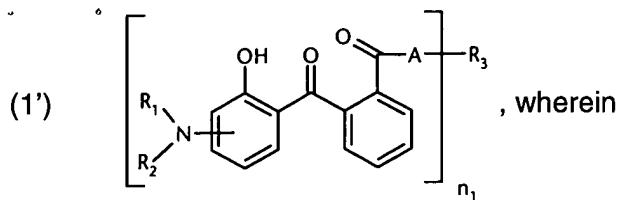


R_{1'} and R_{2''} independently from each other are hydrogen; C₁-C₂₀alkyl; C₂-C₂₀alkenyl; C₃-C₁₀-cycloalkyl; or C₃-C₁₀cycloalkenyl; or R₁ and R₂ together with the linking nitrogen atom form a 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic ring.

28. (canceled)

29. (previously presented) UV-Absorber-dispersion, comprising

(a) a micronised UV absorber of formula



R₁ and R₂ independently from each other are hydrogen; C₁-C₂₀alkyl; C₂-C₂₀alkenyl; C₃-C₁₀cycloalkyl; or C₃-C₁₀cycloalkenyl; or R₁ and R₂ together with the linking nitrogen atom form a 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic ring;

when n₁ is 1,

R₃ is hydrogen; C₁-C₂₀alkyl; hydroxy-C₁-C₅alkyl; C₂-C₂₀alkenyl; C₃-C₁₀cyclohexyl not substituted or substituted with one or more C₁-C₅alkyl; (Y-O)_pZ; C₆-C₁₀aryl; or a saturated or unsaturated heterocyclic radical;

Y C₁-C₁₂alkylen;

Z C₁-C₅alkyl;

p is a number from 1 to 20;

when n₁ is 2,

R₃ is a alkylen-, cycloalkylen- or alkenylen- radical optionally interrupted by a carbonyl- or carboxy group;

if n₁ is,

R₃ is an alkanetriyl radical;

if n₁ is 4,

R₃ is an alkantetrayl radical;

A is -O-; or -N(R₅)-; and

R₅ is hydrogen; C₁-C₅alkyl; or hydroxy-C₁-C₅alkyl;

having a particle size from 0.02 to 2 μm , and

(b) a suitable dispersing agent.

30. (previously presented) A cosmetic preparation according to claim 26, wherein the compounds of formula (1) are present in micronized form.